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1. Many members of the Belorussian National Movement were arrested and deported after World War II. During the war and the immediate post-war years, there were many partisan groups operating throughout the Belorussian SSR. However, they did not operate securely and suffered severe losses. Since then the local population has heard nothing of anti-regime partisan activity.
2. As of April 1953, partisan activity was confined to individuals and not groups in west central Belorussia.   
However, most of the individuals who claim to be partisans are actually those who have committed some crime and are hiding out in the forests and swamps from the authorities. As of October 1953, such armed civilians were operating in the above-mentioned area.
3. The peasants of western Belorussia are opposed to the kolkhoz system and are disgruntled with their way of life in general. Amnestied prisoners and returnees are also a discontented segment of the population. The population is opposed to war and therefore supports the Government. However, the discontent of the population is sufficiently strong that anti-regime activity could be developed in the event of war.
4. The people of the Belorussian SSR have no information on the activities of the Belorussian emigration abroad; however, they feel that some activity is going on.

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